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MAN CONVICTED ON CHARGES OF BRIBERY, I.D. FRAUD, AND TRANSPORTING
ALIENS IN DRIVER'S LICENSE SCHEME INVOLVING 900 LICENSES

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced the conviction today in Manhattan federal court of MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR, a/k/a "Mustafa Ozcan," a/k/a "Missta Oscane," for his participation in conspiracies to bribe a public official, transport illegal aliens, and fraudulently obtain identification documents, specifically Washington, D.C., driver's licenses. The defendant was convicted following a two-week jury trial before United States District Judge KIMBA M. WOOD on all six charges contained in the Indictment.

The evidence at trial established that as part of the scheme, OZSUSAMLAR and his co-conspirator, Rafet Ozoglu, a/k/a "Mehmet Ak," transported aliens by the vanload from the New York area to Washington, D.C., in order to fraudulently obtain the driver's licenses by bribing co-conspirator Gwendolynn Dean, an employee of the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, to process the

driver's license applications.

According to the evidence at trial, throughout the two-and-a-half year course of the conspiracy, OZSUSAMLAR fraudulently obtained more than 900 Washington, D.C., driver's licenses by bribing Dean. Many of those obtaining the Washington, D.C., driver's licenses were illegal aliens, and approximately 75 of the individuals later exchanged their fraudulently obtained Washington, D.C., driver's licenses for New York driver's licenses.

According to the evidence at trial, Dean was a window clerk with the Washington, D.C., Department of Motor Vehicles ("DC DMV"). From January 2000 through June 2002, OZSUSAMLAR and Ozoglu allegedly solicited co-conspirators who wished to fraudulently obtain driver's licenses (the "Clients") and transported those Clients from the New York area to Washington, D.C. ("DC"), usually driving the Clients in passenger vans. Most of the Clients were of Middle Eastern, South Asian or Russian descent, and many, it was shown, were illegal aliens.

According to the proof at trial, once in Washington, OZSUSAMLAR filled out DC DMV driver's license applications for the Clients, using fictitious DC addresses, and then accompanied the Clients to a DC DMV office and specifically to the window where Dean was working. At the window, Dean processed the Clients' applications, despite the absence of proof of name and date of birth, Social Security number, and residence, in exchange

for cash payments from OZSUSAMLAR and his co-conspirators. After each Client obtained a valid DC driver's license, OZSUSAMLAR and his co-conspirators would drive the Clients back to the New York area, the evidence established.

According to the evidence at trial, the Clients each paid OZSUSAMLAR approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 for this service and OZSUSAMLAR made at least seventy trips to DC from the New York area as part of his operation.

OZSUSAMLAR, 60, was a resident of Manhattan until his arrest in December 2001 on other federal charges. OZSUSAMLAR faces maximum sentences of 5 years in jail for conspiracy to bribe a public official; 15 years for bribery of a public official; 15 years for conspiracy to commit identification document fraud; 15 years for identification document fraud; 10 years for conspiracy to transport illegal aliens; and 5 years for transportation of illegal aliens. In addition each count carries a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime. Judge KIMBA M. WOOD set a sentencing date of September 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Ozoglu, 42, was a resident of Brooklyn, New York, until his arrest in June 2002, on these charges. Ozoglu pled guilty to all six charges contained in the Indictment on January 8, 2004. As a result of his plea, Ozoglu faces maximum sentences of 5 years in

jail for conspiracy to bribe a public official; 15 years for bribery of a public official; 15 years for conspiracy to commit identification document fraud; 15 years for identification document fraud; 10 years for conspiracy to transport illegal aliens; and 5 years for transportation of illegal aliens. In addition each count carries a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime. Sentencing is pending before Judge KIMBA M. WOOD.

Dean, 49, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty to two counts of identification document fraud on March 10, 2003, and on October 31, 2003, was sentenced by Judge KIMBA M. WOOD to 57 months in prison for her role in the conspiracy.

Mr. KELLEY praised the extraordinary efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case, as well as of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, SAC-DC, and the Joint Terrorism Task Force, SAC-DC.

Assistant United States Attorneys ALEXANDER H. SOUTHWELL and DAVID M. SIEGAL are in charge of the prosecution.

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